(d) the details of measures taken for continuous relay from this centre?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Very Low Power Transmitter (VLPT), Jashpur Nagar is an unmanned transmitter located in dense forest. Due to cloudy weather and unsatisfactory power supply, the batteries do not get charged properly causing breakdown in service.

(b) VLPTs are unmanned installations and no staff is provided for them. Jaspur Nagar transmitter is looked after by Maintenance Centre, Bilaspur. It takes sometime for the staff to reach the Transmitter site, when required. An official is sent periodically to carry out preventive maintenance to minimize the breakdown in service.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Periodic maintenance of the transmitter is being done regularly. New TV Receive Only (TVRO) system has been installed at VLPT, Jashpur Nagar. The transmitter is now reported to be functioning normally and there has been no major breakdown since October, 2001.

Criteria for purchase of regional films

2292. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of regional films including Tamil which have been bought by the DD and Films Division for the past five years; and

(b) the criteria for the purchase of such regional films?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No regional films have been purchased by Doordarshan and Films Division during the past five years.

(b) Does not arise.